if so, would the Government be pleased to give a list of such liabilities and the period during which each of such debts has been so outstanding;

(b) (i) whether or not a register of Demand Collection and Balance was maintained by the Registrar in his office; (2) and, if so, why and how did he collect the amounts due to the Co-operative Central Bank;

(c) whether the aforesaid D. C. B. Register is available for inspection by the Government; if not, when was the register destroyed;

(d) (i) whether the Registrar has received any reference from the aforesaid Bank requesting him to refund the amounts collected by him, (2) if so, how many such references were received and the date of each reference;

(e) whether the Registrar has replied to these references; if so, when and the nature of replies he gave?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (1) No.

(2) No answer is necessary.

(b) (i) Yes.

(2) When the stock was transferred to the Central Bank a few items of dues to be cleared by the department were left over for payment by the Registrar himself from the amounts due from societies while the rest were assigned to the bank for collection. Long after this arrangement, one of the societies sent some amount to the Registrar who accepted it under a mistaken impression and utilised it for clearing the outside dues. In the case of another society it was a wrong credit by the bank. Some amounts had to be collected from a third society and utilised for clearing a pressing claim which the bank refused to settle.

(c) Yes. One volume. The others are being traced out.

(d) (i) Yes.

(2) As the Registrar's Office files were destroyed long ago it is not possible to furnish the information.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (d) above.

Article headed the 'Co-operative Movement in Cochin, etc.'

461. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) are the records in the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd., available for inspection by the Government;

(b) (1) whether the attention of the Government has been invited at any time to the articles published in issue of the Malabar Herald of 20th February 1932 under the heading 'The

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Co-operative Movement in Cochin—Stock muddle in the Stock Section of the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd;' (2) if so, would the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the remarks offered by the Registrar on the allegation therein contained;

(c) whether the Government has accorded sanction to write off any part of the amount due to the Stock Section of the aforesaid bank; if not, whether the Registrar has refunded the amounts to the bank; if so, when and how much;

(d) will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of societies in which the Registrar has sanctioned to write off bad debts in the year 1107 with the date of the order and the amount of the bad debts sanctioned to be written off noted against the respective societies;

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to give a list of societies in which fraud, misappropriation or falsification of accounts was noticed during the period of last eight years and the action taken in each case against the offenders and the negligent departmental officers concerned, if any;

(f) whether the Government has ordered the prosecution of one of the Co-operative Inspectors for temporary misappropriation of public funds; if so, when, for what amount and the name of the Inspector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, for the Registrar or anyone authorised by him.

(b) (1) No. (2) No answer is necessary.

(c) Yes, sanction was accorded by the Registrar to the Central Bank to write off Rs. 960—3—10 as resolved and recommended by its General Body. The other parts of the question do not arise.

(d) No such list is maintained.

(e) (1) Kurekad—The amount in this case was made good. The matter was therefore dropped as recommended by the General Body.

(2) Koonamuchi—The clerk responsible is being prosecuted.

(3) Trichur Government Servants' Co-operative Society Ltd., No. 34—The amount was recovered from the clerk responsible and the matter closed

(4) Anikkadavu.—The Secretary is being prosecuted.

(5) Olarikkarai Das Co-operative Society—The Secretary is being prosecuted.

Negligence on the part of departmental officers has not come to light.

(f) (1) No. (2) No answer is necessary.

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